Request for approval of revisions to the Natural Resources Commission Non-Rule Policy on Hunting, Fishing and Trapping License Fees, Information Bulletin #54; Administrative Cause No. 11-209D

Amendments to 312 IAC 9-3 governing deer hunting are now in effect, requiring amendments to this information bulletin for hunting, fishing, and trapping license fees. The rule changes in 312 IAC 9-3-2 established a new crossbow license and deer license bundle, and the extra archery license has been changed to an urban deer zone license. The Division of Fish and Wildlife also wishes to include the military/refuge license in the list of license types.

The deer license bundle is defined in 312 IAC 9-3-2 as follows:

(bb) "Deer license bundle" means a multiple privilege deer license that allows an individual to take one (1) antlered deer and two (2) antlerless deer in the:

- (1) special youth;
- (2) archery;
- (3) firearms;
- (4) muzzleloader; and
- (5) special antlerless only

seasons combined in one year in accordance with the provisions in 312 IAC 9-3-2, 312 IAC 9-3-3, and 312 IAC 9-3-4.

This deer license bundle provides a deer hunter with the ability to hunt in four (4) deer seasons (5 for non-resident youth) and take three (3) deer with one license purchase. Based on 2010 deer hunting license purchases, there were 24,432 resident license holders that purchased 3 or more deer hunting licenses, resulting in revenue in the amount of \$242,661, at a cost of \$72 for each hunter. If 3% of additional deer hunters that currently purchase only 1 or 2 deer licenses purchased the bundle, it would offset the anticipated loss of revenue for the license bundle to be sold at the reduced rate of \$65.00.

The DNR would like to offer the same bundle to non-residents that would allow them to take one antlered deer and 2 antlerless deer at a reduced rate. At current prices, the cost of these three licenses would be \$324. The DNR proposes that the non-resident bundle price be \$295. By offering the deer license bundle at a reduced rate of \$295 to non-residents, it would likely increase the number of non-residents who purchase multiple licenses and take additional antlerless deer in Indiana. The average license cost of surrounding states for a non-resident to take 3 deer (1 being antlered) is \$292.

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SUBJECT: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping License Fees

1. Purpose

The purpose of this information bulletin is to provide a compilation of the fees as approved by the Natural Resources Commission for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses issued by the Department of Natural Resources. Minimum fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses are established at IC 14-22-12-1(a); however, the Commission is authorized to set fees above the minimum in IC 14-22-12-1(b). License fees are established to be comparable to surrounding states and provide the DNR with the funds necessary to continue the existing programs that provide hunting, fishing, and trapping related opportunities throughout the state **as well as for law enforcement**. This information bulletin also provides the starting and ending date, as described in IC 14-22-11-4, for annual hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.

2. License Fees

A. Resident License Fees

- (1) Annual Fishing License Seventeen dollars (\$17).
- (2) Annual Hunting License Seventeen dollars (\$17).
- (3) Annual Hunting and Fishing License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (4) Annual Trapping License Seventeen dollars (\$17).
- (5) One-Day Fishing License (including fishing for trout and salmon) Nine dollars (\$9).
- (6) Deer Firearm License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (7) Deer Archery License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (8) Deer Muzzleloader License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (9) Deer Extra Archery Urban Deer Zone License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (10) Deer First Bonus Antlerless License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (11) Deer Crossbow License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (12) Deer Military/Refuge License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (13) Deer License Bundle Sixty-five dollars (\$65).
- (11) (14) Deer Second (and any additional) Bonus Antlerless License Fifteen dollars (\$15).
- (12) (15) Spring Turkey Hunting License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (13) (16) Fall Turkey Hunting License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (14) (17) Youth Consolidated Hunting and Trapping License Seven dollars (\$7).
- (15) (18) Disabled American Veterans Hunting and Fishing License Two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75).
- (16) (19) Senior Annual Fishing License Three dollars (\$3).
- (17) (20) Senior Fish For Life License Seventeen dollars (\$17).
- (18) (21) Voluntary Senior Fish for Life License Three dollars (\$3).

B. Nonresident License Fees

- (1) Annual Fishing License Thirty-five dollars (\$35).
- (2) Annual Hunting License Eighty dollars (\$80).
- (3) Youth Annual Hunting License Seventeen dollars (\$17).
- (4) Annual Trapping License One hundred forty dollars (\$140).
- (5) Youth Annual Trapping License Seventeen dollars (\$17).
- (6) One-Day Fishing License (including fishing for trout and salmon) Nine dollars (\$9).
- (7) Seven-Day Fishing License (does not include fishing for trout and salmon) Twenty dollars (\$20).

- (8) Five-Day Hunting License Thirty-one dollars (\$31).
- (9) Deer Firearm License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (10) Youth Deer Firearm License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (11) Deer Archery License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (12) Youth Deer Archery License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (13) Deer Muzzleloader License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (14) Youth Deer Muzzleloader License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (15) Deer Extra Archery Urban Deer Zone License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (16) Youth Deer Extra Archery Urban Deer Zone License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (17) Deer First Bonus Antlerless License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (18) Youth Deer First Bonus Antlerless License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (19) Deer Second (and any additional) Bonus Antlerless License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (20) Youth Deer Second (and any additional) Bonus Antlerless License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (21) Deer Crossbow License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (22) Youth Deer Crossbow License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (23) Deer License Bundle Two hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$295).
- (24) Youth Deer License Bundle Sixty-five dollars (\$65).
- (21) (25) Spring Turkey Hunting License One hundred twenty dollars (\$120).
- (22) (26) Youth Spring Turkey Hunting License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (23) (27) Fall Turkey Hunting License One hundred twenty dollars (\$120).
- (24) (28) Youth Fall Turkey Hunting License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (15) (29) Private Shooting Preserve License Eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$8.75).

C. Apprentice Hunting Licenses

- (1) Apprentice Resident Annual Hunting License Seventeen dollars (\$17).
- (2) Apprentice Nonresident Annual Hunting License Eighty dollars (\$80).
- (3) Apprentice Nonresident Five-Day Hunting License Thirty-one dollars (\$31).
- (4) Apprentice Resident Annual Hunting and Fishing License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (5) Apprentice Resident Deer Firearm License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (6) Apprentice Nonresident Deer Firearm License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (7) Apprentice Resident Deer Archery License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (8) Apprentice Nonresident Deer Archery License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (9) Apprentice Resident Deer Muzzleloader License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (10) Apprentice Nonresident Deer Muzzleloader License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (11) Apprentice Resident Deer Extra Archery Urban Deer Zone License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (12) Apprentice Nonresident Deer Extra Archery Urban Deer Zone License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (13) Apprentice Resident Deer First Bonus Antlerless License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (14) Apprentice Nonresident Deer First Bonus Antlerless License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (15) Apprentice Resident Deer Second (and any additional) Bonus Antlerless License Fifteen dollars (\$15).
- (16) Apprentice Nonresident Deer Second (and any additional) Bonus Antlerless License Fifteen dollars (\$15).
- (17) Apprentice Resident Deer Crossbow License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (18) Apprentice Nonresident Deer Crossbow License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (19) Apprentice Resident Deer Military/Refuge License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (20) Apprentice Nonresident Deer Military/Refuge License One hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

- (21) Apprentice Resident Deer License Bundle Sixty-five dollars (\$65).
- (22) Apprentice Nonresident Deer License Bundle Two hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$295).
- (17) (23) Apprentice Resident Spring Turkey Hunting License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (18) (24) Apprentice Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting License One hundred twenty dollars (\$120).
- (19) (25) Apprentice Resident Fall Turkey Hunting License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (20) (26) Apprentice Nonresident Fall Turkey Hunting License One hundred twenty dollars (\$120).
- (21) (27) Apprentice Resident Youth Consolidated Hunting and Fishing Trapping License Seven dollars (\$7).
- (22) (28) Apprentice Nonresident Youth Annual Hunting License Seventeen dollars (\$17).
- (23) (29) Apprentice Nonresident Youth Deer Firearm License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (24) (30) Apprentice Nonresident Youth Deer Archery License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (25) (31) **Apprentice** Nonresident Youth Deer Muzzleloader License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (26) (32) Apprentice Nonresident Youth Deer Extra Archery Urban Deer Zone License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (27) (33) **Apprentice** Nonresident Youth Deer First Bonus Antlerless License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (28) (34) Apprentice Nonresident Youth Deer Second (and any additional) Bonus Antlerless License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (35) Apprentice Nonresident Youth Deer Crossbow License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (36) Apprentice Nonresident Youth Deer Military/Refuge License Twenty-four dollars (\$24).
- (37) Apprentice Nonresident Youth Deer License Bundle Sixty-five dollars (\$65).
- (29) (38) **Apprentice** Nonresident Youth Spring Turkey Hunting License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (30) (39) **Apprentice** Nonresident Youth Fall Turkey Hunting License Twenty-five dollars (\$25).

D. Stamp Privileges for Residents and Nonresidents

- (1) Trout and Salmon Eleven dollars (\$11).
- (2) Migratory Waterfowl Six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75)
- (3) Game Bird Habitat Six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75)

3. Expiration Dates

Annual hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses begin on April 1 and expire on March 31 of the year following the year in which the license became effective.

4. Duplicate Licenses

- (1) Resident Duplicate License Three dollars (\$3)
- (2) Nonresident Duplicate License Three Dollars (\$3)

5. Effective Date

The effective date of the second third amendment to this bulletin is July 1, 2009 February 1, 2012.